(c) if so, what is the difference between 2002 and 2005 guidelines; and

(d) what steps Government are taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The RBI guidelines of 2002 on rehabilitation of sick small scale industries (SSIs) include, inter alia, a change in the definition of sick SSI units, norms for deciding on the viability of sick units and concessional finance. The RBI guidelines of 2005 are on debt restructuring mechanism for small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and include viability criteria, prudential norms for restructured accounts, provision of additional finance and time frame for working out the restructuring package and its implementation. Further, Empowered Committees have been set up at the regional offices of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to review the progress in rehabilitation of sick units in the SME sector.

Under achievement of NRHM

568. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a mid-term appraisal of the Tenth Five Year Plan raises concern about the under-achievement in 18 socio-demographically weaker States in regard to National rural Health Mission;

(b) whether targets in terms of health care indicators have been fixed for these States for the period 2005—12 under the NRHM project; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) to (c) The mid term appraisal of the tenth Plan suggested implementation of the National Rural Health Mission for providing affordable and equitable primary health services in the country. NRHM was launched all over the country only on 12th April, 2005 with special focus on 18 states which includes eight Empowered Action Group States (Bihar, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh, Uttaranchal, Orissa and Rajasthan), eight NE States, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir.

The expected outcomes of the Mission include reduction of IMR to 30/1000 live births, MMR to 100/100,000 live births and TFR to 2.1 by 2012. Further, the Mission envisages guaranteed service delivery at all health facilities and quantifiable deliverables for all National Diseases Control Programmes.

SSIs in North Eastern Region

569. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of small scale industries functioning at present in the North Eastern Region particularly in the State of Sikkim as on 31st January, 2007;

(b) the number of small scale industries which have been set up in the State of Sikkim during the last three years; and

(c) the number of SSI units proposed to be set up in Sikkim during the year 2007-08?

THE MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) The Ministry of Small Scale Industries maintains information on the number of registered small scale industrial units all over India. But information on the actual number of functioning SSI units is not available. According to the State Government, the number of small scale industries units functioning in the State of Sikkim as on 31st January, 2007 is 267.

(b) According to the information furnished by the Government of Sikkim, the number of small scale industries which have been set up in the State during the last three years (2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06) was 48.

(c) The Government of Sikkim have reported that 30 SSI units are proposed to be set up in the State during 2007-08. The actual setting up of the units, however, depends upon the investors.

Modernisation of Steel Plants

570. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of steel plants particularly Visvesvaraya Iron and Steel Plant (VISP) are in need of modernisation;